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A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CHANGING THE OPTICAL INTENSITY OF AN OPTICAL SIGNAL USING A MOVABLE LIGHT TRANSMISSIVE

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STRUCTURE

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This patent application is a continuation-in-part and claims priority of the following related patent applications: (1) provisional U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 60/233,672 by Ying Wen Hsu, filed on September 19, 2000 and titled "Method For
10 Switching Optical Signals Using Microstructures;" (2) provisional U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 60/241,762 by Ying Wen Hsu, filed on October 20, 2000, titled "Method for switching optical signals using microstructures;" (3) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/837,829, ^{now U.S.P. No. 6,690,847} (docket 263/176) by Ying Wen Hsu, filed on April 17, 2001 and
15 titled "Optical Switching Element Having Movable Optically Transmissive Microstructure;" (4) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/837,817, ^{now U.S.P. No. 6,647,170,} (docket 263/214) by Ying Wen Hsu, filed on April 17, 2001 and titled "Optical Switching System That Uses Movable Microstructures To Switch Optical Signals In Three Dimensions," all patent applications of which are expressly incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.